

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that this National Highway running by the middle of the city caused undue hardships to the public movements ;

(c) the number of accidents that took place within the jurisdiction of Davanagere since January 1975, the number of deaths and number of injured ;

(d) the steps taken by Government to form this National Highway outside the limits of City ;

(e) the number of days required to complete this project. ?

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA (Minister for Public Works)

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c)		Total number
Accidents		192
Deaths		48 persons
injured		144 persons

(d) Sanction was accorded by the Central Government for construction of the National Highway outside the limits of Davanagere and Harihar Towns, at an estimated cost of Rs. 153.14 lakhs Preliminary works have already been commenced.

(e) About 3 years time may be required.

Breach of Tank of Alluminium Factory

331 SRI BHAVURAO DESHPANDE (Dharwad)—Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that during September 1979 the water tank of the Belgaum Alluminium Factory was burst out and the acid water had flown to the agricultural lands of Kakathi and Gowndawada villages and finally entered to the Markandaiah river contaminated the water of that river ;

(b) whether the paddy and sugarcane crops of 1½ thousand acres in Kakathi and Gowndawada villages were completely damaged due to this acid water ;

(c) if so, whether the Revenue and Agricultural Departments have estimated the damage caused to the ryots :

(d) the compensation given to the Ryots for such loss ?

SRI Mallikarjun M. Kharge (Minister for Revenue)—

(a) Yes.

(b) On account of the flow of this acid water the following crops have been affected ;

<i>Village</i>	<i>Crop</i>	<i>Area</i>	
		Acre	Gunta
1, Kakathi	Paddy	190	. 1
	Sugarcane	3	. 00
Gowndawada	Paddy	46	. 20
Total		239	. 21

Crop has not been completely damaged in Gowndawada a decrease in the yield of paddy is 3 quintal and 48 K. G. and in Kakathi Village it was 4 quintal and 33 K.Gs.

(c) The Special Deputy Commissioner and Tahasildar of Belgaum and Chairman of Panchayat have jointly prepared an estimate, the estimation of damage is as given below.

<i>Village</i>	<i>Crop</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Damaged</i>	
		Acres Guntas	Rs.	P.
1. Kakathi	Paddy	190 . 1	79,962	-20
	Sugarcane	3 . 00	4,320	-00
2. Gowdawada,	Paddy	46 . 20	15,372	-90
Total		...	99,655	-10

Due to the spreading of the poisonous water on the green grass grown up on the sides of streams and roads of Kakathi Grama-panchayat jurisdiction the grass could not be auctioned as usual. On account of this the Panchayat has incurred loss of Rs. 7,000 as per the estimate. On the whole the total estimated loss is Rs. 1,06,655.10 ps.

(d) A total sum of Rs. 1,06,655-10 ps. was sanctioned by the Indal factory and the same was sent to the Tahasildar Belgaum for distribution to the ryots. A total sum of Rs. 10,270-99 ps. was distributed to three farmers and the Panchayats in Kakathi Village. Remaining ryots have not come forward to receive the amount in spite of the intimation to them.